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DEPARTMENT FOR SYNM AND INEA

SUBUL NARCOTICS: DRABTIC REDUCTION IN IRANIAN . POPPY CULTIVATION IN 1973.

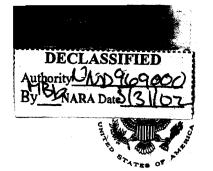
SUMMARY: GOT HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE AUTHORIZED AREA FOR POPPY CULTIVATION IN 1973 TO 10 PER CENT OF 1972 LEVEL END SUMMARY

ACTION REQUESTED DEPARTMENT CONSIDER CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE FROM APPROPRIATE US OFFICIAL, WHEN GOI PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCES DEELSTON.

I. MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES HAS INFORMED US THAT GOI WILL AUTHORIZE CULTIVATION OF ONLY 2,000 (TWO THOUSAND) HECTARES OF OPTUM POPPIES IN CROP YEAR 1973, AS COMPARED WITH 20,000 (TWENTY THOUSAND) HECTARES IN 1972, DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE, OR OTHERWISE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS FINAL.

2. DECESION: TAKEN BECAUSE AMOUNT OF OPIUM IN STORAGE FROM LEGAL CULTIVATION AND SMUGGLING SEIZURES IS

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SURPLUS TO NEEDS OF REGISTERED ADDICTS BY ALMOST ONE YEAR SUSUPPLY THES IMPLIES. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED IT, CONCOMITANT TACIT DECISION NOT TO LOWER AGE: OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION, AS OCCASIONALLY DESCUSSED.

3. REDUCATION: DECISION APPLIES ONLY TO 1973 CROP YEAR, BUT IT SHOWS WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF GOI TO MAKE DRASTIC CUTS IN OPTUM PRODUCTION WHENEVER INDICATED. SINCE ALL LEGAL GROWERS ARE MEMBERS OF STATE-SPONSORED COOPERATION, GOI HAS MEANS ALREADY AT HAND TO ENFORCE

CUTS: AND MINIMIZEDEFFECT: ON FARMERS! INCOME. WE UNDERSTAND GOTHS CONSIDERING WAYS OF USING CUTTO DRAMATIZED TO NEIGHBORING PRODUCING COUNTRIES ITS LONG-STANDING POSITION THAT IT WILL REIMPOSE COMPLETE PRODUCTION BAN WHEN NEIGHBORS ABLE TO RECIPROCATE.

4. ONCE GOI HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED DECISION, WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BELUSEFUL FOR APPROPRIATE US
OFFICIAL TOCISSUE STATEMENT OR SEND MESSAGE CONGRATULATING GOI ON DECISION AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT PROGRESS
BY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN HALTING ILLICIT POPPY
CULTIVATION WILL SOON MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR GOI TO
IMPLEMENT ITS DECLARED INTENTITO REIMPOSE TOTAL BAN
WHEN SMUGGLING THREAT FROM NEIGHBORS ELIMINATED.

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